Lead Banks in Andhra Pradesh

3478. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the lead banks in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) what are the details of their activities during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The names of banks having lead responsibility for various districts of Andhra Pradesh are indicated below:—

1. Andhra Bank
2. Indian Bank
3. Syndicate Bank
4. State Bank of India
5. State Bank of Hyderabad

(b) The Lead Bank Scheme envisages designation of one of the banks as Lead Bank for each district to act as a leader bank for the purpose of identifying potential centres of growth and formulation of credit plans. The Lead Bank convenes the District Consultative Committee meetings; take steps to prepare the Annual Action Plans and acts as leader for coordinating the efforts of all credit institutions for meeting the credit needs of priority sector. Lead Banks in Andhra Pradesh have also played these roles assigned to them under the Lead Bank Scheme.

Decline in Export of Iron Ore to Japan

3479. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan has reduced the import of iron ore from India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the export of iron ore through Paradeep Port to Japan and other countries has declined sharply;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the quantum of iron ore exported to Japan and other countries through Paradeep Port during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Iron ore exports through Paradeep Port to Japan and other countries during 1987-88 were 17.09 lakh tonnes as against 20.29 lakh tonnes exported during 1986-87 and 18.70 lakh tonnes exported during 1985-86.

Buyers are reluctant to import iron ore through Paradeep Port because Paradeep Port cannot accommodate large sized vessels and Japan and other countries have, therefore, to pay relatively higher freight for carrying ore in smaller sized vessels.

Distribution of Bank Loans in Orissa

3480. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some banks in Orissa have finalised their action plan for extending loans to different sectors in the State;

(b) if so, what are the various purposes for which loans would be given;

(c) what is the total amount of investment proposed to be made under these programmes by the banks during the Seventh Plan period; and

(d) what are the details of the action plan prepared by the different banks in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) UCO Bank, the convenor bank for State Level Bankers' Committee in Orissa, has reported that the various banks having lead responsibility in Orissa have prepared the Annual Action Plans (AAPs) for all their districts.

(b) to (d) Under the AAPs banks would provide loans for agriculture, small scale industries and services sectors in the priority sector. Under these plans credit support would also be extended to Government sponsored poverty alleviation and employment generation schemes such as Integrated Rural Development Programme, Differential Rate of Interest Scehme, Self Employment Programme for Urban Poor, the Scheme for Employment of Educated un-employed youth etc. Details of investment outlay proposed under AAPs relating to the Seventh Five Year Plan period as reported by the UCO Bank are indicated below:—

(Amount in Rs. crores)

Agriculture	530.16
Small Scale Industries	427.78
Services	355.25

Leather Export

3481. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target set for leather export during 1987-88;

(b) whether the target has been achieved; if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to export leather by air; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSHI): (a) to (d) The Council for Leather Exports proposed an export target of Rs. 1000 crores during 1987-88. According to provisional statistics furnished by the Council, the achievement during 1987-88 is Rs. 1245 crores. Exports of leather are even now moving by air.

Issue of Credit Cards by Banks

3482. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some banks are issuing credit cards;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what are the names of the banks which have issued such credit cards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) On the basis of information readily available, seven public sector banks, namely, Bank of Baroda, State Bank of India, Central Bank of India, Canara Bank, Vijay Bank, Andhra Bank and Bank of India, have reported to have introduced the scheme of Credit Cards in their banks.

The facilities offered against Credit Card vary from Bank to Bank. Generally, the holder of Credit Card can purchase goods and services from Bank's member establishments on credit. The card holder can also draw cash from any branch of the issuing bank upto certain limit during outstation visits.